

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**CISCO, TEXAS           §  
EASTLAND, COUNTY §**

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a regular called session at the Cisco Council Chambers in Cisco as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b>	<b>JASON WHETSTONE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b>	<b>ROBERT JOHNSTON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b>	<b>NATHAN BRUNER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b>	<b>TRAVIS TOOF</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

<b>INTERIM CITY MANAGER</b>	<b>PEGGY LEDBETTER</b>
<b>CITY SECRETARY</b>	<b>TAMMY OSBORNE</b>

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b>	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b>	<b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>

Guests: Walter Fairbanks, Jerome Evans, Sarah Adams, Kenneth Preston, Justin Jaworski, Chance Winters, Zach Maxwell, Joe Spano, Matt Hutton, Anthony Koch

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor Forester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGES**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Pledge to the Texas Flag

**III. INVOCATION:**

Councilmember Toof gave the invocation.

**IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Chance Winters spoke to the Council regarding a letter he had received from Republic Services about his commercial dumpster business. He has been told to cease and desist from providing services within the city limits and would like to be added to the agreement to provide his service in the city limits since his business is here.

Mr. Robert House from US Bronco spoke before the Council requesting payment of outstanding invoices for the installation of water meters.

**V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:**

- **November 18, 2024**

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to approve the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

**VI. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Consider and Discuss Republic Services Contract Extension.—Joe Spano**

Mr. Spano presented the potential for a contract extension with an included repayment plan for the amounts in arrears. Arrears would be paid out over the life of the contract through 2031.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to move forward with contract extension, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

**B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-12-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF EASTLAND, RANGER, AND CARBON, TEXAS, FOR THE RECEIPT, COORDINATION AND PRIMARY OVERSIGHT OF A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT (CWDG) THROUGH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (USFS) UNDER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE PROGRAM (CWDG).**

Mayor Forester explained that the resolution would approve acceptance of the grant and asked Mr. Koch to further explain the grant. Mr. Koch explained the organizational chart and pay scales and the City Secretary explained the way the grant would move forward between the Cisco and the other sister cities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to approve the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

**C. Consider and Discuss Authorizing the Opt-In of the City of Cisco in the Settlements Reached by the Texas Attorney General with Kroger, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Documentation Necessary to Participate in the Settlement, Including Execution of the Subdivision Participation Form.**

Secretary Osborne explained that the city has participated in two other opioid settlement agreements for small amounts of money and this settlement would follow suit, but advised that the money has to be spent in the furtherance of opioid outreach and mitigation.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to approve opting in to the Kroger settlement, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

**D. Consider and Discuss Appointing an Airport Manager for the Cisco Municipal Airport.**

Councilmember Whetstone said that he had requested the item to be discussed and invited Mr. Matt Hutton to speak about the airport. Mr. Hutton indicated that he worked at the airport and felt that the airport needed management as several things are broken or inoperable including the beacon and runway lights. He offered to serve in the position of Airport Manager for free. The Council and Secretary discussed if Mr. Hutton could serve in this position based on how the Charter is written and whether or not it would need an amendment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to table the discussion pending further review, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

**E. Consider and Discuss Updating Signatories for City Bank Accounts.**

Mrs. Ledbetter explained that the bank accounts required two signatories and currently the former City Manager and herself were currently listed. She requested that the Council appoint a new signatory to replace the former City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to add Mayor Forester as a signatory for the city's bank accounts, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

**F. Consider and Discuss Repairs to Current EMS Building Located at 109 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.**

Chief Fairbanks recommended to the Council that the building be brought up to code by adding exit signs and security lighting for approximately \$700.00.

No action was taken on this item.

**G. Consider and Discuss Monthly Finance Report.**

Mrs. Ledbetter presented the Council with options to remove any grants that require matching funds from the current budget.

No action was taken on this item.

**H. Consider and Discuss Scheduling City Manager Interviews. (Executive Session)**

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters at 6:48 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:14 p.m. and took no action.

**I. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning**

Mayor Forester ran down important upcoming dates: December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon will be the Employee Christmas luncheon; City offices closed December 25-27<sup>th</sup>.

**J. Announcements for City Council.**

Chief Preston requested to make an announcement saying that the signs for the newly established 2 hour parking zone had been put in place.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**



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**Stephen Forester, Mayor**

